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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, ICAPS

1. The problem posed relates to duplication in the collection of information. ORE is not, therefore, in a position to supply the information required by the War Department.

2. Based on the allocation of responsibility for collection as set forth in NIA Directive 7, it is believed that reports of the nature required by G-2 on political and economic subjects should be furnished by the State Department.

3. As a matter of opinion it is offered that the G-2 directive regarding the submission of WEEKA reports on political and economic subjects by the field agencies of G-2 violates the spirit of NIA Directive 7. It should be noted, however, that paragraph (g) of NIA Directive 7 might be construed to authorize G-2 to require its field agencies to submit reports on any or all subjects.

4. It seems clear that the activity imposed upon Military Attaches by the January 2, 1947, instructions, attached, duplicates the duties of State Department representatives insofar as it pertains to collection and submission of information on political and economic subjects. The situation may be one worthy of consideration by the IAB, unless it is understood that the information sent by the Military Attaches is at the time made available to the State Department agencies and that, in procuring it, the Military Attaches do not call upon State Department officers and employees or duplicate their efforts.

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